National Highway in Karnataka

2011. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government for declaration of new National Highways in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons advanced by the State Government of Karnataka for declaring new National Highways; and

(d) the response of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka has submitted proposals for declaration of 20 State Roads as National Highways on various grounds such as improvement of inter-state connectivity, increased load of traffic, connectivity to important towns, Ports, religious places, business centers, economically important towns, world heritage sites and tourist places etc. At present, emphasis is being given by the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways. The State Government has been informed accordingly.

Jewargi-Hiriyur Project

2012. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposed Jewargi-Hiriyur Project;

(b) whether it has been decided to take up the said project under the Golden Quadrilateral Project; and

(c) if so, what would be the estimated cost of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Jewargi-Hiriyur Project is a project taken up by the Government of Karnataka and is funded by the World Bank. It is not a part of Golden Quadrilateral Project.

According to information received from Government of Karnataka, cost of the Project is Rs. 380 Crore.

Four Laning of Bangalore-Devanahalli Road

2013. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to take up conversion of Bangalore-Devanahalli stretch into four lane road;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed project; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to take up the above work in view of the Bangalore International Airport coming up at Devanahalli?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Bangalore-Devanahalli stretch of NH-7 is being six laned as part of North-South Corridor at a cost of Rs. 166.12 Crore. Six laning of seven km has already been completed. The work of six laning of remaining 25 km of length is in progress with an estimated cost of Rs. 147.75 Crore.

Construction cost of Expressway

2014. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has increased the construction cost of expressways in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; project-wise; and

(c) the names of firms who have been given contracts for Highways/ Expressways during the last one-year with the estimated cost of the each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The National Highways Authority of India has constructed only 93.40 km stretch of Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway with a completion cost of Rs. 488.07 crore.